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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KHMER FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO JAKARTA

1. WE FOUND THE DESCRIPTION OF KEUKY LIM'S VISIT TO JA-
KARTA VERY INTERESTING AND A USEFUL UPDATE OF INDONESIAN
ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE GKR. WE WERE ALSO GRATIFIED THAT
FONMIN MALIK SHARES OUR VIEWS THAT THE GKR SHOULD MAKE MAXI-
MUM USE OF ITS CHAM MOSLEM POPULATION TO MAKE POINTS IN THE
MOSLEM WORLD. WE SUSPECT THAT THE PRIVATE SENTIMENTS EX-
PRESSED BY AMBASSADOR OUNG HIEAM THAT THE KHMER GOVERNMENT
WOULD NEVER GIVE THE CHAM POPULATION SEPARATE STATUS, WHICH
WOULD BE IMPLICIT IN A CHAM DECLARATION, COULD WELL BE A
STUMBLING BLOCK TO GKR ACTION IN SENDING A CHAM GOODWILL
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MISSION TO VARIOUS MOSLEM COUNTRIES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT

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A CHAM "DECLARATION" WOULD SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE IN ANY EVENT. ONLY A SMALL, ARTICULATE DELEGATION OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS WITHOUT DIRECT GOVERNMENT AFFILIATION WILL GAIN ENTRY TO THE MOSLEM COUNTRIES WHERE THE GKR NEEDS THE VOTE SWITCH AND TO TELL ITS STORY. BY SENDING A RELIGIOUS DELEGATION, BACKSTOPPED BY A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN SUCH AS WE RECOMMENDED IN STATE 58426 (NOTAL), COULD SUCH A GROUP GET IN AND MAKE AN IMPACT WHERE A MINISTERIAL DELEGATION WOULD BE TURNED AWAY AND A DECLARATION IGNORED. IN ANY CASE, TO OUR UNDERSTANDING THE CHAMS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A SEPARATIST MOVEMENT AND THAT SHOULD BE THE LEAST OF THE GKR'S WORRIES. WHAT KHMER MOSLEMS SHOULD

BE TELLING THEIR MOSLEM BRETHREN WORLDWIDE IS THAT THE KHMER COMMUNISTS ARE KILLING THEM AND ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY THEIR RELIGION, ALL IN SIHANOUK'S AND THE GRUNK'S NAME.

2. WE ALSO NOTED WITH CONCERN AUSTRALIAN FONMIN'S COMMENTS TO MALIK THAT THE GOA INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE WHICHEVER REGIME GETS THE UN SEAT. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE AUSTRALIAN POSITION WHICH IS TO RECOGNIZE WHOEVER CONTROLS PHNOM PENH. WOULD APPRECIATE CAMBERRA'S COMMENTS ON THIS APPARENT SHIFT. RUSH

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